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SUBJECT: LIBYAN HELICOPTERS

REFS: A) STATE 094383; B) TRIPOLI 0518 C) ROME 12493 OF

11 SEPT 1974

1. LIBYA AND AGUSTA HAVE SIGNED CHINOOK CONTRACT.
ON 30 APRIL AGUSTA'S ROME REPRESENTATIVE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE
OF CONTRACT'S SIGNATURE NOR OF ANY SHIPMENTS TO LIBYA BUT
PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE. ON 6 MAY HE INFORMED EMBOFF THAT
CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASE OF THE TWENTY APPROVED CHINOOKS HAD
INDEED BEEN SIGNED VERY RECENTLY. LIBYANS APPARENTLY DID NOT
ATTEMPT TO LINK CHINOOKS TO USG APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL HUEYS
AS THEY HAD IN SEPTEMBER OF 1974 (REF C) NOT TO RECENT REQUEST FOR
SALE OF THREE AB 212S TO LIBYAN MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR.
AGUSTA, HOWEVER, HAS NO GUARANTEES THAT SUCH LINKAGES WILL NOT
BE MADE AGAIN PRIOR TO PAYMENT ON THE PART OF THE LIBYANS.

2. AGUSTA REP SPECULATED THAT A CERTAIN US ENGINE MANUFACTURE
MUST HAVE SPARKED OUR QUERY. AGUSTA'S EXPLANATION OF THE
AVCO/LYCOMING REQUEST IS THAT IT WAS IN ERROR. AGUSTA HAS
ORDERED ADDITIONAL ENGINES FROM AVCO/LYCOMING TO ENABLE THEM
TO BUILD THE CHINOOKS WITHOUT CURTAILING OTHER CHINOOK SALES.
REP GUESSED THAT A/L, KNOWING WHO EVENTUAL CUSTOMER WAS,
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INADVERTENTLY PUT IN REQUEST FOR LIBYA RATHER THAN FOR EXPORT

TO ITALY AS IS NORMAL PRACTICE.VOLPE

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